

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SA  
SUBJECT: KUWAITI CONCERN OVER AIRCRAFT SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

DURING A RECENT ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS MINISTERS,  
THE CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA,  
AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SABAH,  
RAISED WITH ME THEIR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT  
CONGRESS MIGHT NOT APPROVE THE SALE OF F-15 AIRCRAFT  
TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE LATTER WAS PARTICULARLY PESSIMISTIC  
OVER THE POSSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL. I EXPLAINED THAT WHAT  
WAS CALLED FOR FROM THE CONGRESS WAS NOT APPROVAL, BUT  
EITHER NO OBJECTION OR DISAPPROVAL, AND THE LATTER HAD TO  
BE REGISTERED BY BOTH HOUSES IN ORDER FOR THE SALE TO  
BE CANCELLED. THE CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER MADE  
A PARTICULAR PLEA AT THE END OF HIS MEETING WITH ME  
THAT THE U.S. NOT "IGNORE ITS FRIENDS".

MAESTRONE

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## Message Attributes

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